

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Office Building this 16th day of January, 2001 with the following members present: Russ Frey, Chairman; Bob Newsome, Vice Chairman; Alvan Johnson, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment

Jan Kruh, League of Women Voters; and Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Alvan Johnson moved to approve the minutes of January 1, 2001 as amended. Newsome seconded. Carried 3 -0.

9:00 Business Meeting

Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Jan Kruh, League of Women Voters, attended.

Newsome moved to approve the Thermal Comfort Air Maintenance Contract for 2001 for the Carnegie Building, Courthouse, Courthouse Office Building, and Courthouse Plaza East. Frey seconded. Carried 3 -0.

Newsome moved to approve the Out of State Travel Request for Steve Higgins to attend the Emergency Management Institute -E234 Digital Hazard Data Course for \$75.00 paid out of Planning and Development within County General fund. Frey seconded. Carried 3 -0.

9:30 Press Conference

Steve Foreman, KMAN; Mark Scott, Manhattan Mercury; Dan Harden, Director of Public Works/County Engineer; Monty Wedel, Director of Planning

and Development; Rod Meredith, Assistant Director of Public Works/Parks Director; Jan Kruh, League of Women Voters; and Larry Couchman, EMS, attended.

Wedel reported on the success of the Safe Room Grant funding through Project Impact. Wedel said Dori Milldyke was hired full-time through Red Cross to administer Project Impact through federal grant funds.

Meredith reported on the development plan for: 1.) Ogden City Trail Park 2.) restroom and shelter in the Randolph City Park 3.) construction of a parking lot and restrooms at the Fairmont Park and 4.) various other projects throughout the County.

Meredith said the Riley County Parks Advisory Board members meet quarterly. The members represent communities in Riley County.

Harden reported the construction of the Law Enforcement Center was completed. Discussion of the project originally began in 1984.

Harden said the Road and Bridge Advisory Board will meet Thursday, January 18, 2001 to finalize their recommendations. The recommendation will be presented to the Riley County Commissioners at a future date.

Couchman said EMS responded to 3,265 patient calls in 2000, which was a new record. Couchman reported EMS will be implementing an additional 12-hour crew in 2001.

Vargo reported the filing deadline for candidates and questions is January 23, 2001 at noon for city and school offices.

Vargo said residents interested in the Homestead Refund, a rebate of a portion of property taxes, should contact the Clerk's Office.

10:15 Dan Harden, Director of Public Works/County Engineer

Mark Scott, Manhattan Mercury; Jan Kruh, League of Women Voters; and Corey Swisher, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Harden reported Kansas Department of Transportation will not allow Riley County to place a temporary water connection, in the Kansas Department of Transportation's right of way, on the east side of K -24, for the Valleywood Water Benefit District.

Discussion followed on the Konza Water Benefit District.

Discussion followed on diaper changing tables on the first floor of the Courthouse Office Building.

The Board of County Commissioners asked Harden to bring back estimates for the purchase and installation of diaper changing tables.

1:30 Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

• Administrative Work Session

Eric Shoults, Assistant County Engineer; Corey Swisher, Budget and Finance Officer; and Jan Kruh, League of Women Voters, attended.

Discussion followed on Memorial Hospital's request to pay \$12,592.28 in expenses in excess of their \$91,667.00 budget in 2000.

Newsome moved to not fund any 2000 Memorial Hospital expenses in excess of the \$91,667.00 budgeted for the year 2000 and send back any bills presented in excess. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

The Board of County Commissioners asked Morgan to schedule a work session on the organization and operation of Memorial Hospital.

Johnson moved to approve signing a letter, by the Chairman, in support of the Chamber of Commerce, Flint Hills Regional Learning Academy Project.

Newsome seconded. Carried 3 -0.

Johnson moved to adopt "Roberts Rules of Order" as the procedural mechanism to conduct the meetings of the Riley County Commission. Newsome seconded. Carried 3 -0.

Discussion followed on the Airport Overlay Zone.

Morgan's aid a public meeting is scheduled to receive public input pertaining to the use of the Wharton Manor Facility Monday, January 22, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at Wharton Manor, 2101 Claflin Road.

3:00 Johnson moved to adjourn. Newsome seconded. Carried 3 -0.